

Burrillville Bicentennial Commission

Minutes 6/14/06

Meeting came to order at 7:10 p.m.

All members present - Patricia Mehrtens, Patricia Henderson, Richard Nolan, Silvia St. Pierre

There was a question as to whether we should add another member. It was suggested that four members is sufficient to get things done.

Minutes of May 17 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

OSP balance - \$2,325.25

Town - \$25,816.52. This includes the Levy grant. Richard will get copies of the most recent bicentennial committee finance spread sheet. He is working on the Treasurer's Report and verifying the figures.

Old Business

Fundraising Letters are not ready yet. Pat H will get business list from Cheri Hall.

Oct. 14 Parade – Pat H sent out letters for parade Oakland Mapleville Fire Dept. sent a reply. They will attend.

· Flying Murrays \$725. Providence Brass Band \$1275– Russ Weisman 157 Winter St Woonsocket Kevin Blais will put an antique car in the parade Pat H will have her car carry Annette Bleiweis as

Grand Marshall. Pat H will have flowers and banners for her. Pat H will meet with High School and Dick Polacek tomorrow regarding their participation in the parade. Pat M asked for an update regarding this meeting before the next meeting. Pat H has an idea regarding American flags. She would like these flags to mark the entire parade route. This committee approved the buying of these flags. Pat H has asked her son to send us names of antique car organizations so that we may solicit the use of their cars for the parade.

• The committee approved giving a ticket to each participant in the parade that will get them a hot dog and drink from vendors at the end of the parade route. Pat H will contact Janice Hebert and Kevin Blaise to help with the parade.

Pat M wrote a press release regarding the Levy Foundation grant. Ray Menard from the Levy Foundation added information. Pat M. reported that Providence Journal reporter, Seth Bromley expressed interest in writing an article about Burrillville's Bicentennial. Pat M also reported that Ellen from the Blackstone Daily (web site and free Newspaper at grocery stores) expressed an interest in doing a spread on our bicentennial. Pat M gave her information on us. She will get back to Pat in 2 weeks.

Wright's Farm Bicentennial Banquet in November, will be discussed at another meeting. Committee will be set. We will speak on this and the parade next meeting.

The Children's Bicentennial Parade and Birthday Party has been postponed to September 9. Silvia has gift certificates for this.

Lion's Club Duck Race will be August 6. We will be there to hand

out buttons.

New Business

Cheri Hall contacted Pat M and noted June 24 - Relay for Life. She asked this committee to be part of this. Last lap will be red, white, and blue - the Bicentennial lap. We will give out buttons there.

July 3rd Fireworks at 9 p.m. Cheri will contact local boy scouts to sell food and refreshments, and will ask Judy Lopez to sell ice cream. Live Music Band will play from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Burrillville Middle School.

July 13 Concert - Bandstand Review - sponsored by Bicentennial Committee will be held at the Burrillville Town Common.

Pat M reported that our Bicentennial Committee was asked to participate in the Autumnfest parade in Woonsocket in October.

Richard asked if Pat M was approached regarding the banner for the Town Hall. It was presented to the members of the Town Council. Pat M reported that at that time she got it clarified that our finances needed to be straightened out. There were no funds from Levy Foundation or OSP included. This has been corrected.

Silvia asked Pat M for a letter regarding \$152 for reimbursement for school gift certificates from bicentennial funds.

Pat H and Pat M will write letters to politicians regarding attendance at the parade. Pat M reported that part of the Greenway Challenge will be held partly at Wallum Lake this year. This is sponsored by Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor. Many canoe groups are involved. It was noted that the Bicentennial celebration could be a part of this.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia St. Pierre, Recording Secretary